

Selected Accomplishments

School Readiness Board 2003-2007

Ready Families

- Distributed 80,000 Parent Kits in partnership with The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust
- Additional dollars for Healthy Families
- Distributed a Governor's Book to all Arizona first grades students (2004-2007) and all Arizona fourth grade students (2006-2007)
- Elimination of the child care subsidy waiting list
- Increased funding for the child care subsidy waiting list
- Increased funding for child care subsidies from the 1998 to the 2000 market rate

Ready Programs and Schools

- Phased in voluntary, full-day kindergarten
- Tucson Quality Rating System Demonstration Project in Partnership with the Governor's Office - 46 early childhood programs in the Tucson area
- Developed a quality rating system model
- Trained additional Child Care Health Consultants
- Trained 99 early childhood health professionals on oral health, nutrition, and physical activity
- Secured additional Licensing Surveyors
- Trained DHS Licensing Surveyors on infant/toddler mental health
- Developed recommendations for changes to the DHS Child Care Rules and Regulations
- Distributed 1,200 copies of *Arizona Health and Safety Policy Manual for Child Care Centers*

Ready Teachers

- Partnered with ASU to create and implement the System Ready/Child Ready early childhood professional development project
- Trained 351 teachers, benefiting 4,252 children, through Statewide Early Education Development Scholarships (SEEDS)
- Created SEEDS Scholarships and secured Workforce Investment Act grant dollars to fund the scholarships
- Distributed \$683,000 to 12 of the Arizona's 15 counties via the community college system
- Created and developed a foundational framework for early childhood articulation at the community college level
- Created a career pathway schematic for early childhood professional development
- Created the Chase Early Education Emergent Leaders Program and graduated 76 early childhood professionals
- Developed the Pinal Quality Improvement/ Professional Development Demonstration Project in partnership with Central Arizona College and Pinal United Way
- Conducted a survey of Arizona's early childhood education workforce in partnership with Association for Supportive Child Care and Children's Action Alliance, and distributed 5,000 copies of the resulting report, *Compensation and Credentials: A Survey of Arizona's Early Education Workforce*

Ready Communities

- Created and distributed 19,000 School Readiness Action Plans
- Created the Arizona Early Education Funds
- Partnered with the Arizona Early Education Funds to create and implement 17 Regional Partnerships
- Conducted Early Learning Summits on regional partnerships throughout the state
- Trained 343 physicians to use the PEDS Tool
- Printed and distributed, in partnership with AHCCCS, the *AHCCCS Report Card on Children's Preventive Health Initiatives*
- Held the Governor's Early Childhood Business Forum, January 2004
- Held the NGA School Readiness Regional Partnership Summit, January 22, 2007 (NGA Grant)
- Developed a set of indicators for Arizona's system of school readiness supports and distributed the resulting report *Safe, Healthy and Ready to Succeed: Arizona School Readiness Key Performance Indicators*
- Increased collaboration and communications between early childhood programs including Head Start, ECBG, child care, preschool, tribal early childhood programs and services
- Partnered with community stakeholders to develop the "You're It!" public awareness campaign aimed at increasing understanding about the importance of investing in early childhood

Grants

- Administers the federal Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) initiative grant. The purpose of the grant is to support the efforts of States to plan, develop and implement collaborations and partnerships that support families and communities in their development of children who are healthy and able to succeed at school entry. The initiative is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). State efforts under this initiative involve a broad range of public and private early childhood agencies, parents, and communities who share the goal of promoting the health and well being of children from ages 0 to 5. State plans address key components of health and medical home, early childhood education, mental health, social-emotional development, family support and parenting education.
- Administers the federal Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO), a federally funded grant to support Arizona's efforts in building a quality early childhood system for children and families. The Collaboration Office has successfully established linkages among Head Start, state agencies, child care, social welfare, health, and state-funded preschool programs. With the commitment and resources of the Federal Office of Head Start, the Collaboration Office represents an important resource in coordination and development of an inclusive early education system.
- Administers a federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant to enhance the quality of expanded learning opportunities for school age children. Efforts include improving quality through training and technical assistance, helping programs improve quality and move toward accreditation standards through the National Afterschool Association, collaboration and planning activities for school-age stakeholders at the state and program levels, conducting needs assessments at the state level, developing tools to help community leaders gauge local demand for afterschool programs, and conducting public awareness activities through partnerships with the state afterschool network, state agencies, communities, parents, and other stakeholders.
- Awarded a National Technical Assistance Center grant the value of which is approximately \$150,000 in the form of services, resources, and travel to support the implementation of the early childhood development and health initiative.